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### **LIGHTSQUARED: THE IMPACT TO SMALL BUSINESS GPS USERS**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “LightSquared: The Impact to Small Business GPS Users.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK: MORE BUREAUCRACY AND MORE RED TAPE**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled “National Infrastructure Bank: More Bureaucracy and More Red Tape.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **FAILURES AT MIAMI VAMC: WINDOW TO A NATIONAL PROBLEM**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Failures at Miami VAMC: Window to a National Problem.” Testimony was heard from William Schoenhard, FACHE, Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Operations Management, Veterans Health Administration, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

## ***Joint Meetings***

### **MONGOLIA**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.* Commission received a briefing on Mongolia, focusing on its intention to seek status as a participating State in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, from Khasbazaryn Bekhbat, Ambassador of Mongolia to the United States, Terrence Hopmann, John Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, and John Tkacik, China Business Intelligence, all of Washington, D.C.

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### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2011**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine addressing potential threats from Iran, focusing on Administration perspectives on implementing new economic sanctions one year later, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy, to hold hearings to examine innovative practices to create jobs and reduce pollution, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 1262, to improve Indian education; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Carcieri crisis, focusing on the ripple effect on jobs, economic development and public safety in native communities, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 1301, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2012 to 2015 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in person, H.R. 368, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts, S. 1636, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Federal courts, H.R. 394, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Federal courts, S. 1637, to clarify appeal time limits in civil actions to which United States officers or employees are parties, H.R. 2633, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the time limits for appeals in civil cases to which United States officers or employees are parties, S. 1014, to provide for additional Federal district judgeships, and the nominations of Adalberto Jose Jordan, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, John M. Gerrard, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, Mary Elizabeth Phillips, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, Thomas Owen Rice, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, David Nuffer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, and Steven R. Frank, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Martin J. Pane, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and David Blake Webb, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine arbitration, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

#### **House**

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Future of National Defense and the U.S. Military Ten Years After 9/11: Perspectives of Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Martin Dempsey.” 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing on an update on KC-46A and legacy aerial refueling aircraft programs, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Regulations, Costs, and Uncertainty in Employer Provided Health Care.” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Understanding Consumer Attitudes About Privacy.” 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on The American Energy Initiative: Electric Transmission Issues,

Including Topics Related to the Sitting, Planning, and Allocation of Costs for Electricity Transmission Infrastructure, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled “The U.S. Housing Finance System in the Global Context: Structure, Capital Sources, and Housing Dynamics.” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “The Section 8 Savings Act of 2011: Proposals to Promote Economic Independence for Assisted Families.” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Emerging Threats and Security in the Western Hemisphere: Next Steps for U.S. Policy.” 10 a.m., and, to mark up H.R. 2829 to promote transparency, accountability, and reform within the United Nations system, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Full Committee, continue markup of H.R. 3116, the “Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.” 311 Cannon, time to be announced.

Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “TSA Reform: Exploring Innovations in Technology Procurement to Stimulate Job Growth, Part II.” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, mark up the following bills: H.R. 2870, the “Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act of 2011”; H.R. 1254, the “Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2011”; H.R. 10, the “Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2011”; H.R. 822, the “National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011”; and H.R. 3012, the “Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act.”

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “BOEMRE/U.S. Coast Guard Joint Investigation Team Report.” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 2309 Postal Reform Act of 2011, 10:30 a.m., 2154 RHOB.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled “The Endangered Species Act: Reviewing the Nexus of Science and Policy.” 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing entitled “Advancing Coal Research and Development for a Secure Energy Future.” 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Streamlining Emergency Management: Improving Preparedness, Response, and Cutting Costs.” 8:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Full Committee, mark up the following bills: H.R. 2668, “Brian A. Terry Memorial Act”; H.R. 2919, “Community Shelter Protection Act of 2011”; H.R. 1734, “Civilian Property Realignment Act”; and H.R. 2840, “Commercial Vessel Discharges Reform Act of 2011”. 11:15 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, markup of the following bills: H.R. 674, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the imposition of 3 percent withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities, H.R. 2576, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the calculation of modified adjusted gross income for purposes of determining eligibility for certain healthcare-related programs. 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: To receive a briefing on elections and political transition in Tunisia, focusing on Tunisia’s mass popular uprising, known as the “Jasmine Revolution”, 9:30 a.m., B318, Rayburn Building.